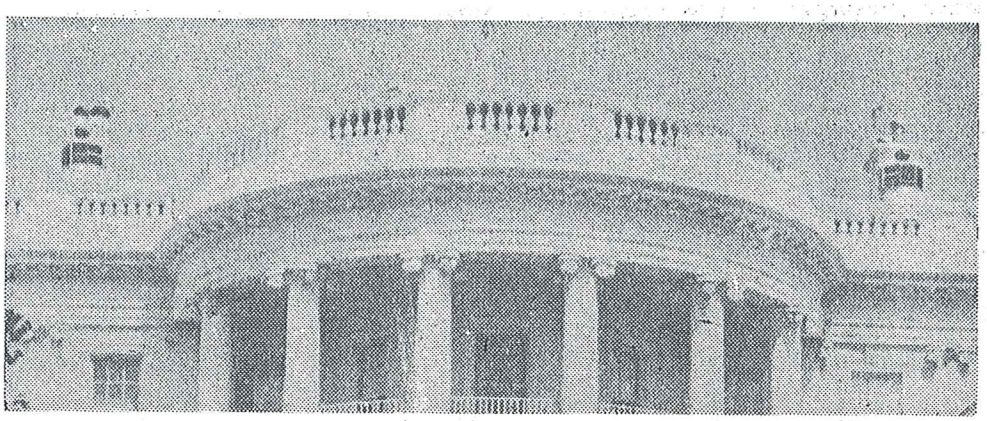
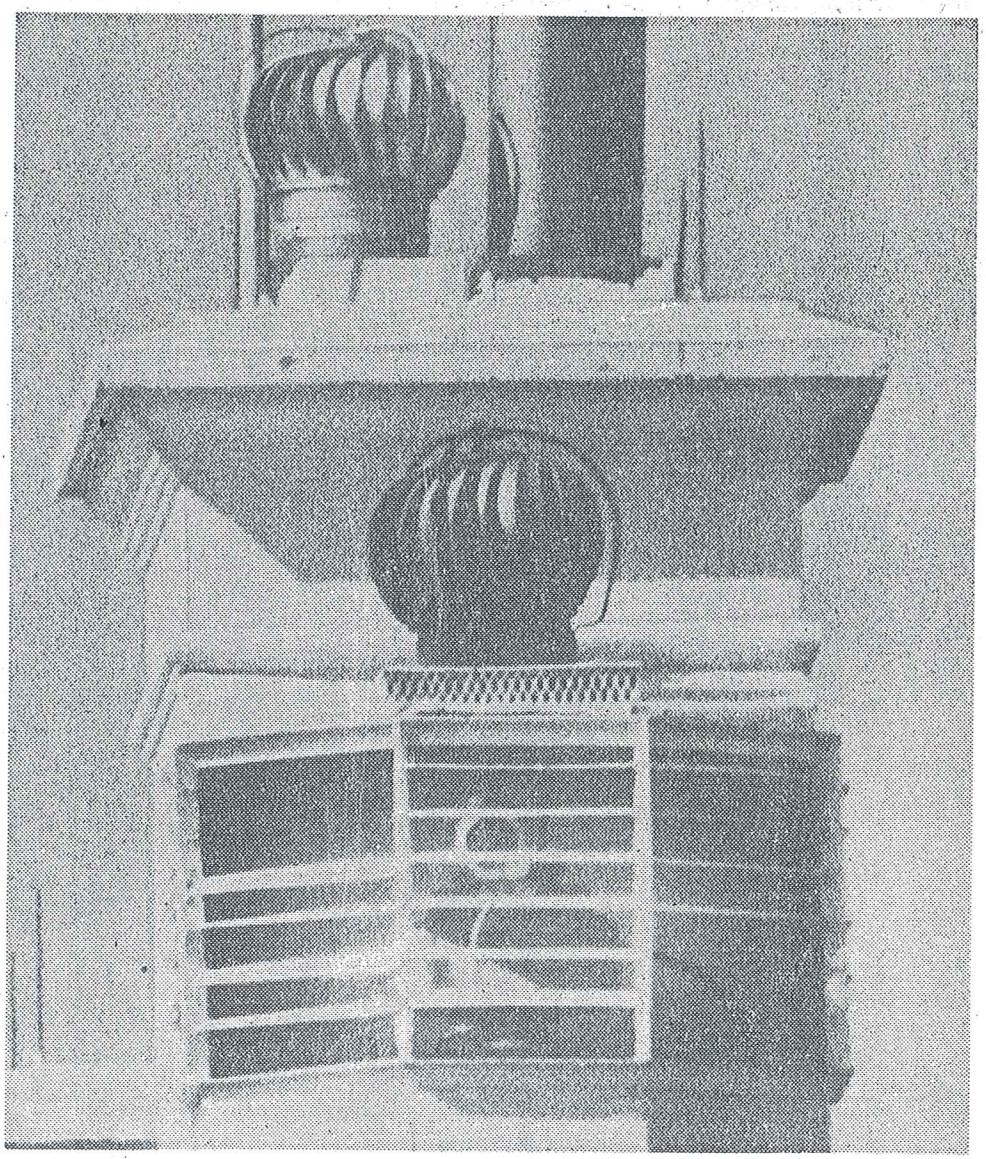


The View From the White House

Ventilating turrets atop the White House contain cameras watching the grounds of the Executive Mansion. White House and Secret Service officials will not say whether the cameras watch people outside the grounds. The camera shown below faces the south lawn and the Ellipse beyond. Similar gear on the north side appears to look toward the north lawn and Pennsylvania Avenue and Lafayette Park beyond. Officials said the cameras were installed prior to Nixon administration.



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